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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 670
By Garrett

A RESOLUTION to honor David Thomas Lavender on earning an
Arrow of Light in the Cub Scouts.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this legislative body should pause in its deliberations to recognize our youth for their commitment to the development of character, self-reliance and leadership; and

WHEREAS, at a time when the youth of our country face tremendous challenges, the Cub Scouts of America is one of this nation's greatest assets, providing young people, with an educational program geared toward character development, and citizenship training; and

WHEREAS, the highest rank a Cub Scout can attain is the Arrow of Light, and David Alexander of Troop 42, after considerable effort and diligent preparation, has earned the following merit badges: environmental science, personal fitness, first aid, communications, emergency prep, citizenship in the community, citizenship in the nation, citizenship in the world, family life, camping, swimming, and personal management; and

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WHEREAS, he has excelled both academically, and in extracurricular activities; David was on the football and wrestling teams his first three years of high school, and on the track team his sophomore year; and

WHEREAS, David served as Senior Patrol Leader, Den Chief, and built a four-hundred foot nature trail behind Gower School; and

WHEREAS, David's Cub Scout project benefited his community and the state of Tennessee, and reflected the fine traditions of the Volunteer State; and

WHEREAS, he is the grandson of proud grandparents, Harris Hand and Sue Lavender; and

WHEREAS, his parents, Charles and Doris Lavender, instilled in him the importance of morals and patriotism, which generated his interest in the Cub Scouts; and

WHEREAS, David's exemplary record of accomplishment as a member of Troop 42 includes his earning more than twenty-one merit badges and exhibiting excellent leadership; and

WHEREAS, David evinces his devout religious faith as a member of St. David's Episcopal Church; and

WHEREAS, a Scout must serve in leadership positions within the troop before being honored with the Arrow of Light; being the conscientious young man that he is, David has reached all his required goals; and

WHEREAS, young men of honor and integrity, who exemplify the true spirit of America, faithfully deserve this body's commendation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor Mr. David Thomas Lavender on earning the Arrow of Light, the highest and most esteemed rank of the Cub Scouts, and wish him much continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.